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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: IRAQ ESCALATION IN THE TERRITORIES

1. SUMMARY: ESCALATION OF TENSIONS IN IRAQ AND THE WEST BANK  
AND GAZA AND DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAQ CONTINUED TO GENERATE PROMINENT

COVERAGE IN PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA. AN "AL KHALEEJ" EDITORIAL NOTES THAT THE U.S. OCCUPATION OF IRAQ AND THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE ARE SIMILAR IN STYLE AND OBJECTIVES. AN "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT THE ESCALATION OF THE SITUATION IN IRAQ IS DUE TO THE DELAY IN HANDING OVER IRAQ TO ITS OWN PEOPLE. END SUMMARY.

12. UNDER THE HEADLINE "LIBERATION TURNS INTO OCCUPATION," SHARJAH-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY EDITORIALIZED 6/18:

"...THE GAME HAS BEGUN TO REVEAL ITS REALITY, AND THE IRAQIS HAVE STARTED TO REALIZE THAT THOSE WHO CAME TO LIBERATE THEM, HAVE ACTUALLY COME TO ACHIEVE THEIR OWN AMBITIONS AND SCHEMES USING MEANS THAT ARE NO LESS UGLY AND HARSH THAN WHAT THEY FACED DURING THE YEARS OF TYRANNY. THE U.S. TROOPS HAVE BEGUN TO SEEK THEIR OWN SECURITY AND THAT OF THE IRAQIS, AND THE AMERICAN GOVERNOR IS NOT INTERESTED IN HOW TO SECURE A GOOD LIFE FOR THE IRAQIS BUT IN HOW TO DIVIDE THE PROFITS FOR AMERICAN AND WESTERN COMPANIES..."

13. COMMENTING ON THE SIMILARITIES OF THE U.S. OCCUPATION OF IRAQ TO THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE, "AL KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 6/15:

"THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE AMERICAN OCCUPATION OF IRAQ AND THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE IN STYLE AS WELL AS IN OBJECTIVES... IN PALESTINE AS WELL AS IN IRAQ, OCCUPATION IMPOSES ITSELF, AND THE PEOPLE'S WILL IS TRYING TO EMPHASIZE ITS RIGHT TO RESISTANCE TO GET THEIR LIBERTY BACK. IF BOTH OCCUPATIONS COMPLETE ONE ANOTHER AND ARE CONNECTED IN GOALS AND STRATEGIES, THEN THE RESISTANCE OF BOTH PEOPLE IS UNITED IN OBJECTIVES AS WELL."

14. NOTING THE CONTINUOUS ESCALATION OF THE TENSION IN THE SECURITY SITUATION IN IRAQ RECENTLY, ABU DHABI-BASED SEMI-GOVERNMENT "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 6/15:

"... THE CONTINUOUS ESCALATION, AS AN INDICATOR OF MILITARY AND SECURITY TENSION IN IRAQ DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS, WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE...HAD THE COALITION TROOPS HANDED THE AUTHORITY OVER TO THE IRAQIS TO RULE THEMSELVES. THE OBSTRUCTION OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS IN IRAQ SIGNALS MORE TROUBLES FOR THE COALITION TROOPS AND MORE SUFFERING FOR THE IRAQIS UNLESS THE COALITION HAND OVER THE PROCESS TO THE IRAQIS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE BROTHERS AND FRIENDS OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE WILL REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO HELP THE IRAQI PEOPLE OVERCOME THE POST-WAR CRISIS FOLLOWING THEIR SUCCESS IN OVERCOMING THE OBSTACLE OF THE PREVIOUS REGIME, WHICH WAS 'THE MOTHER OF ALL OBSTACLES'."

15. UNDER THE HEADLINE "SHARON'S WAR AGAINST PEACE," DUBAI-BASED BUSINESS-ORIENTED ARABIC DAILY "AL BAYAN" EDITORIALIZED 6/14:

"... THE BEGINNING OF SHARON'S COMPREHENSIVE TERRORIST WAR AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE CAME TO ABORT ANY HOPE FOR PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS. IN FACT, THE WAR ASSASSINATED THE HOPE OF PEACE BY PUSHING THE PALESTINIANS TOWARDS A HUGE WALL OF DESPAIR AND DISAPPOINTMENT... IF THE ARABS DO NOT MOVE TO SAVE THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, THEN THEIR TURN WILL COME SOON, ACCORDING TO A PUBLIC AGENDA THAT AIMS TO MAKE ISRAEL THE ONLY DOMINANT REGIONAL PLAYER."

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